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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJ: VOLUNTARY COOPERATION SYSTEM FOR US GRAIN EXPORTS.

REF:STATE 220202 AND 221220

1. AS EMBASSY AWARE, USG INSTITUTED NEW SYSTEM OCT. 5
REQUIRING PRIOR USG APPROVAL OF LARGE CONTRACTS INVOLVING
SHIPMENTS OF MAJOR US FEEDGRAINS, WHEAT AND SOYBEANS TO
FOREIGN DESTINATIONS (REFTELS BEING SENT SEPARATELY).
UNDER THIS SYSTEM US EXPORTER HAS NOW REPORTED CONTRACT FOR
50,800 TONS CORN TO GDR AND REQUESTED USG APPROVAL OF
SHIPMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO CURRENT USDA ESTIMATES, THIS AMOUNT
(TOGETHER WITH SALES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, OVER 500,000
TONS) SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEEDS EXPECTED USEXPORTS OF
CORN TO GDR THIS YEAR. WE URGENTLY NEED FOLLOWING IN-
FORMATION TO ASSESS REQUEST FOR USG APPROVAL OF CORN SHIP-
MENT AND ANY OTHER SHIPMENT REQUESTS WHICH MAY BE FORTH-
COMING:
(A) TOTAL AMOUNTS IN METRIC TONS OF ORDERS ALREADY PLACED BY
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GDR FOR DELIVERY FROM ALL REPEAT ALL SOURCES OF CORN AND

OTHER GRAINS FOR 1974/75 CROP YEAR (ROUGHLY OCTOBER 1974 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1975);

(B) TOTAL AMOUNTS IN METRIC TONS OF ORDERS WITHIN THIS AMOUNT WHICH HAVE BEEN PLACED FOR U.S. - ORIGIN CORN.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED OBTAIN ABOVE INFO FROM APPROPRIATE GDR OFFICIALS. EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE TO GOGDR THAT U.S. WITHHOLDING ACTION ON REQUEST BY US EXPORTING FIRMS FOR APPROVAL OF SHIPMENT TO GDR PENDING RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION. YOU SHOULD EMPHASIZE TO GDR THAT THIS ACTION IS NOT DIRECTED AT GDR, BUT PART OF GENERAL WORLDWIDE EFFORTS BY USG TO INSURE THAT LIMITED SUPPLIES OF US EXPORTS OF WHEAT, FEEDGRAINS AND SOYBEANS ARE EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED. MAW

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